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There are roughly 30 pushcart vendors whose future in Downtown Crossing is now in jeopardy.

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In the news

$40K

The 8,450-square-foot Benjamin Mansion at 74 Beacon St. reels in a monthly lease payment of $40,000, which is the highest rent ever recorded by the local Multiple Listing Service, Curbed Boston reported yesterday. The lease also includes a $40,000 security deposit. METRO

Today's local tweet

"It is so beautiful today, my whole bike ride I felt like a Disney character ready to burst into song. #boston #cyclists #bikes #spring"

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News in brief

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'Rockefeller' murder trial set to begin

BOSTON. Jury selection started yesterday in the murder trial of Christian Gerhartsreiter, according to the Globe.

Potential jurors were interviewed in Los Angeles to assemble the panel that will determine the fate of the man who called himself Clark Rockefeller — the onetime subject of a national manhunt after he kidnapped his daughter from a Boston street in 2008.

Gerhartsreiter is accused of murdering his former landlord in 1985 and burying the body in the backyard of a home just outside of Los Angeles. The body was found about 10 years later.

Gerhartsreiter was sentenced to five years in jail for kidnapping his 7-year-old daughter during a supervised visit in Boston. METRO

Menino says he will not endorse Markey, Lynch

BOSTON. Despite a political race featuring a congressman from Boston, Mayor Thomas Menino said yesterday that he will not endorse a candidate in the upcoming special democratic primary to replace former Sen. John Kerry.

Menino told WBZ 1030 that he does not plan to endorse either U.S. Rep. Ed Markey of Malden or U.S. Rep. Stephen Lynch of South Boston ahead of the April 30 primary.

Menino's endorsement has proven beneficial for candidates in contested races not only because of the publicity, but also the backing of the mayor's powerful get-out-the-vote machine.

A UMass Lowell/Boston Herald poll released last week showed Markey had a 29-point lead. METRO

Boston mayor, consumers stand up for Downtown Crossing pushcart vendors

Mayor Thomas Menino made it clear yesterday that he stands behind pushcart vendors at Downtown Crossing, who have less than a month to wheel their wares elsewhere.

"I support the small business owners operating pushcarts in #DowntownCrossing & the vendors who kept the area alive during difficult times," Menino posted on Twitter yesterday afternoon.

A group of property owners within the Downtown Boston Business Improvement District are developing plans for a smaller pushcart program that would do away with the nearly 30 vendors in the shopping district, the Boston Business Journal reported.

The BID is a private, nonprofit group created and maintained by property owners. While the BID runs the pushcart program, the Boston Department of Public Works issues the vendor permits, according to the Boston Globe.

The vendors' annual permits expire March 31.

The group's website says it promotes "increased business activity, enhancing property values and attracting further investment in the area."

In an interview with the BBJ, Menino questioned the idea of displacing vendors who have worked in the neighborhood for three decades.

"These guys have been struggling, and now the good days are coming and the association wants to bring in other vendors from elsewhere?" he said. "I want to take care of the vendors who kept Downtown Crossing alive in the difficult times."

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▶ The pushcarts sell a variety of merchandise, including toys and stuffed animals.

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After the Journal's report, a man who claimed to be a vendor set up a Save the Downtown Pushcarts Facebook page and @SaveDTPushcarts Twitter handle asking people to sign an online petition to stop the vendors from being ousted.

A BID spokesman said he had no comment on the matter, but that the group was preparing an official statement.

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What people are saying on the online petition

"The carts are a huge part of Boston, and one of the few nice things left in Downtown Crossing. The BID should worry about the giant hole in the ground there before they hurt the few people willing to do something with the space." *—John Lyons, Boston*

"It's disingenuous to ask mom and pop shop owners to endure the hard times, and then shamefully eviscerate their livelihoods in the interest of 'improvement.' Disgraceful." *— Patrick Maguire, Boston*

"I lived in the city for many years ... Downtown Crossing used to be vibrant, fun, a great place to shop, wander around. Now it is dismal, depressing, yet through it all the street vendors endured. Don't you dare move them out. They have as much right, if not more, to be there." *— Cyn Stoltz, Andover*

Arrests made in January garage fight caught on camera

Two men were arrested for assault and a dozen more will have to appear in court for their roles in a massive fight inside a downtown Boston parking garage that was caught on video by passersby and uploaded to various websites.

The 14 people police said to have played violent roles in the brawl were identified through the videos posted online to sites such as YouTube and through the garage's surveillance cameras.

When police responded to the Transportation Building parking garage just before 3 a.m. on Jan. 27 they were met by four victims. Two men were severely injured and were taken to a nearby hospital for treatment. Two women also suffered minor injuries.

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The four victims said they were attacked by a group of up to 20 people as they were trying to leave the garage.

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The violent fight caught on video shows a group of men repeatedly punching another man. One man is seen bleeding from the face later in the video.

State police said they are still investigating.

▶ The fight took place as cars tried to exit the parking garage.

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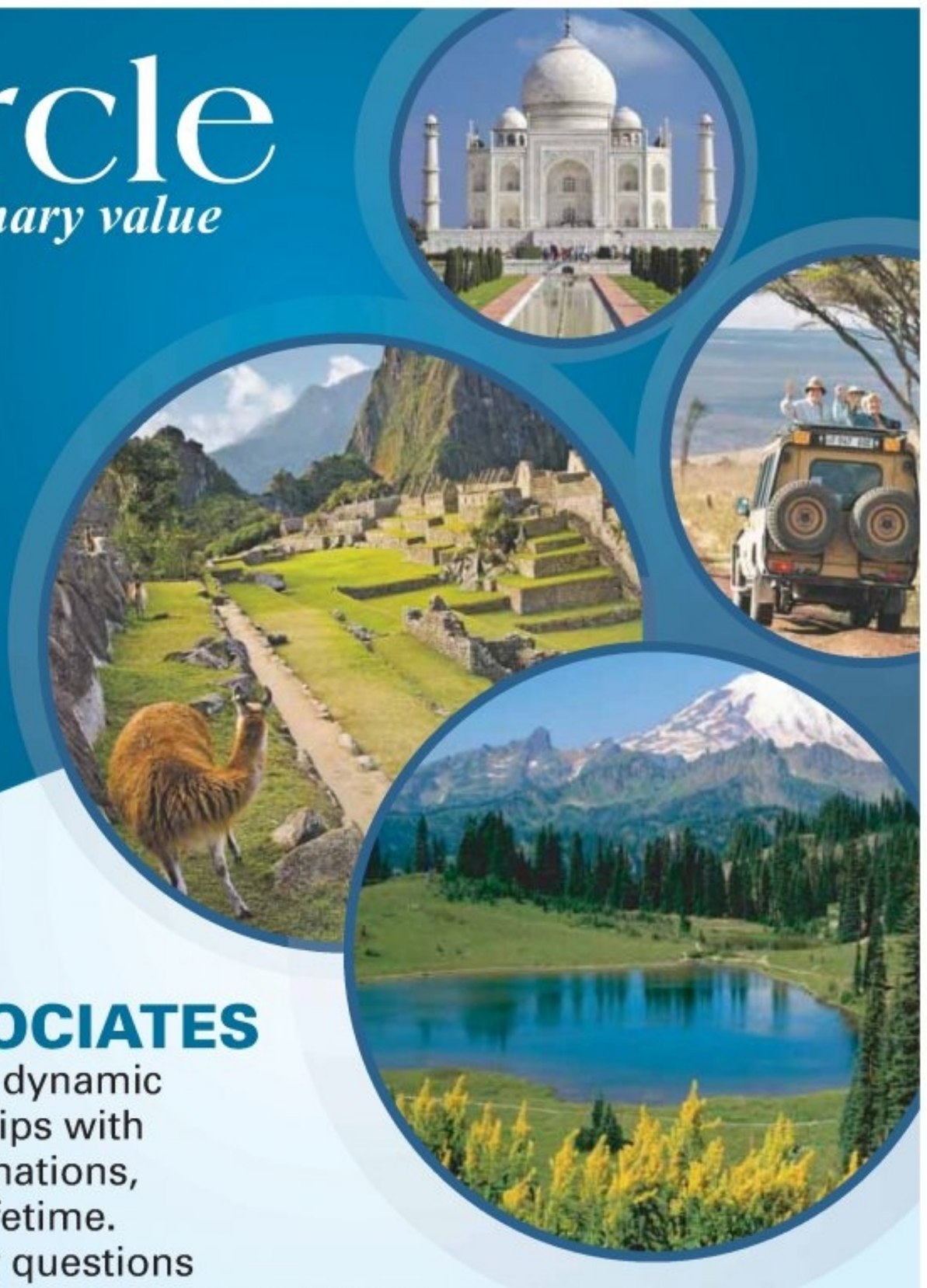

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Child, 5, left on bus for hours

CAMBRIDGE. A 5-year-old Cambridge boy was left on a bus for about two hours last week after a bus driver apparently failed to check to see if anyone was left inside.

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▶ A boy sat on a bus for hours.

A mother went to pick up her child at after school care last Thursday evening only to find out he never arrived, according to the Cambridge Chronicle.

Police responded and eventually found the child in a locked bus at the Eastern Bus Company yard in Somerville.

The bus company said it is taking the issue very seriously. Cambridge school officials said they are working the company to make sure it doesn't happen again. METRO

MBTA police search for armed robber

BOSTON. Transit Police are looking for a man who on Saturday allegedly robbed an Orange Line rider at gunpoint. A man's iPad was stolen at 12:50 p.m. as he stood at an inbound platform at the Jackson Square MBTA Station in Jamaica Plain. The suspect was described as a black male, age 18-22. METRO

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▶ Crews demolished a home on Plum Island Sunday after damage from last weekend's storm rendered it structurally unsound.

Plum Island a warning for rest of coast?

Boston Harbor group: Prepare for water issues North Shore town's homes destroyed after latest storm

While they're on the beaches miles north of Boston, the dozens of homes that have toppled and been demolished in the wake of the latest Bay State storm should serve as a warning for residents to prepare, a Boston Harbor group said.

"What Plum Island and New York and New Jersey have shown is that storms are becoming more frequent and more intense and property owners really do have to start to prepare ... for the long term," said Vivien Li, president of The Boston Harbor Association.

Li's group put out a study earlier this year titled "Preparing for the Rising Tide." It lays out recommendations for property owners to prepare for projected changes in sea levels and coastal flooding by 2100.

State Sen. Bruce Tarr and other officials sent a letter to Gov. Deval Patrick on Friday asking for assistance for Newbury and Plum Island residents.

"In the past, and with the current storm, all involved parties have exercised all available means to protect homes and coastal infrastructure," Tarr said in the letter. "Yet the current threat demands an even greater response, and thus we are seeking the assistance and expertise of state government to help protect homes that will likely remain in jeopardy for the next several days and for the foreseeable future."

While Boston would not likely see the same damage as, that doesn't mean properties in and around the city would be unscathed.

Li said that if retreat from the water is not an option, buildings must be adapted. Examples include moving boilers to higher floors and raising buildings by a foot to handle rising sea levels.

Plum problems

Near ocean homes were damaged and destroyed after the recent storm.

At least two homes had the sand washed out from under them, sending them toppling to the waves and beach below, according to The Daily News in Newburyport.

Building officials said three homes were demolished and about a dozen more are uninhabitable, according to the Globe.

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US soldiers killed in 'insider' attack

Two American soldiers were killed in a so-called insider attack when a person in an Afghan military uniform turned his weapon on U.S. and Afghan forces at a joint base in the restive east of the country, coalition forces said yesterday.

Three policemen and two Afghan army officers were also killed in the attack, said a senior police official.

The attack took place as a deadline expired for U.S. special forces to quit the eastern province of Wardak, after Afghan President Hamid Karzai accused them and Afghans working for them of overseeing torture and killings in the area.

An Afghan interior ministry official said the attack occurred in Jalriz district of Wardak. It was not immediately clear if it was directed at U.S. special forces.

U.S. Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, who left Afghanistan early yesterday after a three-day visit, raised the sensitive issue of Wardak when he met Karzai.

Afghans are divided over their expulsion, saying the departure of the U.S. special forces could leave a vacuum for insurgents to fill, which would pose a security risk for nearby Kabul. **REUTERS**

▶ U.S. Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel greets members of the U.S. Air Force in Germany upon arrival from Afghanistan.

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Insider addition

Incidents involving Afghan security forces turning their weapons on the NATO-led forces have increased sharply over the past year.

Insider, or green-on-blue, attacks have seriously eroded trust between coalition and Afghan forces, who are under pressure to contain the insurgency before most foreign troops leave by the end of next year.

US imposing new sanctions on North Korean bank

The U.S. Treasury is imposing sanctions against North Korea's Foreign Trade Bank, the country's main foreign exchange institution, for its role in supporting Pyongyang's nuclear weapons program, President Obama's national security adviser said yesterday. In a speech to the Asia Society in New York, Tom Donilon also said China should not conduct "business as usual" with North Korea while Pyongyang threatens its neighbors. **REUTERS**

"The United States will not accept North Korea as a nuclear state. Nor will we stand by while it seeks to develop a nuclear-armed missile that can target the United States." TOM DONILON

As Afghan trip goes badly off its script, Hagel opts for caution

It was a harrowing international debut for Chuck Hagel, whose first trip to Afghanistan as U.S. defense secretary went dramatically off-script and challenged the American narrative about the 11-year-old war.

His first full day in Afghanistan began with the sound of suicide bomb attack about a kilometer away from his meetings at a NATO facility. But the real damage came the next day when Afghan President Hamid Karzai accused the United States of colluding with the Taliban hours before the two met.

"I was once a politician, so I can understand the kind of pressures — especially leaders of countries — are always under." HAGEL, ON KARZAI

Put in an awkward position, Hagel appeared at pains to avoid criticizing the Afghan leader in public, even as he firmly disputed Karzai's assertions.

Hagel requested and had a private one-on-one meeting with Karzai where he was "firm and direct" with the Afghan president, a U.S. official said. Hagel declined to provide details of the private exchange.

Asked about Karzai's comments, White House national security advisor Tom Donilon cited "difficult questions" surrounding the transfer of security control from the NATO-led force to Afghan soldiers. **REUTERS**

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▶ EHEC, or enterohemorrhagic E. coli, bacteria are one of many researchers are saying could cause a catastrophe as it becomes drug resistant.

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In Europe, 25,000 people already die each year from bacteria resistant to antibiotics. That total could increase in the future.

Resistant microbes threaten to create global catastrophe

Every operation to become life-threatening within decades ◗ Antibiotics haven't been improved since '80s

Mutant, drug-resistant bacteria could trigger a global health catastrophe that makes diseases untreatable within 20 years, the British chief medical officer said yesterday.

"Antimicrobial resistance is a ticking time bomb for the world," CMO Dame Sally Davies said in her annual report. "We need to work with everyone to ensure the apocalyptic scenario of widespread antimicrobial resistance does not become a reality."

The report warns that bacteria will soon develop beyond antibiotic treatments, at which point any operation would become life-threatening, as infection could not be controlled. Davies recommends that resistant bacteria be added to the National Risk Register along with threats such as terrorism, and claims it is "as important as climate change for the world."

In Europe, more than 25,000 people die each year resulting from resistant bacteria. That figure looks set to rise with powerful new strains of tuberculosis and gut bacteria such as E. coli emerging.

Kieron Monks
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Bacterial arms race under way

The last class of antibiotics was produced in the 1980s, but then research slowed, as drug companies could make little profit on products with a short lifespan.

"We need serious investment and a global response — we're in an arms race with the bacteria," said Society for General Microbiology President Nigel Brown. MWN

In the news

Delhi gang rape suspect found dead

The man police say was the ringleader in a gang rape on a New Delhi bus in December that outraged India hanged himself in his cell yesterday, prison authorities said, raising questions about jail monitoring and security.

HINDUSTAN TIMES/GETTY IMAGES

▶ Singh's lawyer talks to the media yesterday.

Ram Singh made a noose from the mat he slept on and hanged himself just before dawn from a grille in the ceiling of the cell he shared with three others, prison spokesman Sunil Gupta said.

While there were CCTV cameras throughout Tihar, India's highest-security prison, there were none in individual cells, Gupta said.

Singh's lawyer, V.K. Anand, said his client had been composed and calm when he spoke to him in court on Friday and "didn't have any complaints." REUTERS

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The facts

Metro's guide to the papal conclave

Today the cardinals will convene to choose a new pope. How long will it take them? Who are the front-runners? Metro explains.

Will we have a new pope today?
It's extremely unlikely. In past centuries, the papal election could take months. Nowadays it's much faster: To elect Benedict XVI, three ballots were needed over 1 ½ days. Benedict was the front-runner, so plan on more ballots this time.

What exactly happens today?
At 10 a.m., the cardinals gather for a special Mass for the Election of the Roman Pontiff. Beginning at 3:45 p.m., they're transferred from the St. Martha House, the building where theyre staying during the conclave, to the Vatican. Once there, they process to the Sistine Chapel, where they'll pray at 3:45 and begin their first conclave at 5 p.m. They'll vote in two ballots; on each subsequent day, there are two ballots in the morning and two in the afternoon. But, knowing that a long voting process would harm the church, the cardinals will want to unite quickly.

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▶ Nigerian Cardinal John Olorunfemi Onaiyekan walks through St. Peter's Square.

Speaking of front-runners, who are the front-runners this time?
According to the bookmakers, Angelo Scola and Peter Turkson. Scola, a conservative and the current archbishop of Milan, also benefits from the feeling among Italian cardinals that it's time for an Italian pope again. The last one was Pope John Paul I, who died after 33 days in office. But because the church is growing primarily in the global south, and because in modern times there has never been an African pope, Peter Turkson, a Ghanaian, is also a front-runner. Turkson made a name for himself during the 2008 global economic meltdown when he took the financial sector to task for its excesses.

When will we know who has won?
When we see the white smoke coming out of the chimney of the Sistine Chapel. If there's no winner, black smoke will go up around 7 p.m. after each afternoon round of voting, and at noon after each morning round. And don't count on any leaks. Though some cardinals tweet, they've had to surrender their phones for the duration of the conclave. Just to be safe, the Vatican has installed jamming devices in the Sistine Chapel and the cardinals' living quarters.

ELISABETH BRAW/MWN

Cardinals hold last discussions before Vatican lockdown

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▶ American cardinals arrive yesterday for the final congregation before cardinals enter the conclave to vote for a new pope.

Cardinals held final discussions on the troubled state of the Roman Catholic Church yesterday, the day before they seclude themselves from the world to elect a new pontiff, with no clear front-runner in view.

Stunned by the abdication last month of Pope Benedict, the red-hatted cardinals have met repeatedly this past week, sketching out the qualities of the man they need to lead a church plagued by scandals of sex abuse and mismanagement.

"Last time around, there was a man of stature, three or four times that of any other cardinal," French Cardinal Philippe Barbarin told reporters, in a reference to Germany's Joseph Ratzinger, who was elected pope within 24 hours in 2005.

"That is not the case this time around. Therefore, the choice has to be made among one, two, three, four ... a dozen candidates. We still dont really know anything. We will have to wait for the results of the first ballot."

Vatican-watchers say Italy's Angelo Scola and Brazil's Odilo Scherer are in pole position. A vote for the former would bring the papacy back to Italy for the first time in 35 years, while the latter would be the first non-European pope in 1,300 years.

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Cardinal-electors from 48 countries will start filing into the Sistine Chapel at 4:30 p.m. today and will hold an initial vote shortly thereafter

However, a host of other candidates from numerous nations have also been mentioned, all of them theological conservatives, leaving the secretive contest wide open.

The 115 cardinal-electors from 48 countries will start filing into the Michelangelo-frescoed Sistine Chapel at 4:30 p.m. today and will hold an initial vote shortly afterwards.

"There is a dynamic that takes over once they're in the Sistine Chapel. The first vote kind of lays out the names. We will have a pope by the end of the week," said Father Tom Rosica, the Vatican spokesman for the English-speaking media. REUTERS

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– Dorothy Robinson will return on March 20.

What's going on at 'The View'?

I often mistake "The View" for "The Chew" and sometimes even "The Talk," but regardless, I was a bit surprised when **Joy Behar** announced her resignation from the morning squawkfest last week — homegirl's been there since the beginning. And then, like your little sister who just couldn't stand it when you got all the attention, there was chatter that **Elisabeth** Hassel-a-hack was all like, "Oh yeah? Well I'm leaving too! Hmph!"

In the corner, Joy Behar cried out "No fair!" to no one in particular. But it was too late. Our interest had been piqued. No longer was this a story about Behar, an older woman whose voice reminds me of **Gilbert Gottfried** on a good day. No, now, it's about beautiful, young, blonde, conservative Elisabeth, too. Marcia, Marcia, Marcia!

So who should fill each lady's seat at the table? For Elisabeth, I nominate **Ann Coulter**: A healthy dose of conservative energy draped in a long blonde wig. For Behar, how about a **cockatoo**? It would probably be just as entertaining, and the hairstylist would still get to keep his job.

Don't worry about Rainbow Aurora, OK?

For anyone who wanted to burrow a hole in the ground and stay there forever upon hearing that Playboy bunny **Holly Madison** had named her first child, born Tuesday, **Rainbow Aurora**, fear not! The new mom has taken to her blog to defend her daughter's shiny new moniker. "I'm not worried about my daughter being 'traumatized' by having an unusual name," she writes, because the name was inspired by a former classmate of hers, who "was a perfectly normal, well-adjusted, sporty girl."

This is coming from a woman who thought it would be a good idea to have sex with **Hugh Hefner**, so clearly her head is in the right place. We know pregnancy brain makes you sometimes lose things, but we didn't think sanity was one of them.

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Jonah Hill is thinking about the future, Emma Bunton is mystified, Marlon Wayans is hitting the road and Albert Brooks thinks his neighbor is pretty influential.

@JonahHill
In 50 yrs, a bunch of 80 yr-olds will know all the words to The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air theme song.

@EmmaBunton
Why are pirates called pirates????

@MARLONL WAYANS
I'm thinking of touring BRAZIL ARGENTINA and URUGUAY end of the year

@AlbertBrooks
My neighbor is using his fireplace or he just elected the pope.

Marlon Wayans

Talking points

SJP's toe woes

Sarah Jessica Parker has suffered plenty for fashion — and she has the doctor's bills to prove it. The "Sex and the City" star, known for wearing pricey sky-high heels, claims going more down-market for footwear ruined her feet. "I did 'I Don't Know How She Does It' and I was very thoughtful about my whole wardrobe and said, you know [my character] could not afford really good shoes, she would go to Nine West or Aldo," she tells Net-A-Porter. "So I got shoes from there and the bottom of the shoes aren't leather, they are plastic, so I slipped a couple times, twisted my ankle. I went to a foot doctor and he said, 'That bone there ... you've created that. It doesn't belong there.' It's sad because my feet took me all over the world, but eventually they were like, 'You know what? We are really tired. Can you just stop? And don't put cheap shoes on us.'"

Affleck's marriage is just fine, thanks

While OK! Magazine claims the stress of awards season may be causing tension between **Ben Affleck** and wife **Jennifer Garner**, the "Argo" director says life post-Oscars has been a great time for them. "I've been able to really just enjoy my good fortune in the last couple of weeks and sit back and kind of just take it in and not do anything, just eat ice cream on the couch," Affleck says, according to E! News. "It's been a really nice time to hang out with my wife and that sort of thing, so we're just enjoying it."

Price check: Hewitt's boobs

Jennifer Love Hewitt can apparently put a price on her breasts, at least when it comes to the idea of insuring them as valuable assets. "I need, like, an insurance invitation. If somebody was like, 'We would like to insure your boobs for $2.5 million,' I'd be like, 'Do it. Love it!' Why not?" she tells USA Today. "These things right here are worth $5 million."

Jennifer Love Hewitt

Does this mean old Rose won't be there, either?

When the Titanic II, an exact replica of the famous doomed ship, sets sail on the Titanic's original route in 2016, don't expect to see **Billy Zane** or his family onboard. "I'm not sure that I'd care to risk it. I'm sure I'll get an invitation, though," the "Titanic" star tells People.

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How many guys Taylor hasn't written about

1: Ellen Pompeo left the scrubs at home to join husband **Chris Ivery** and daughter **Stella** for an L.A. Lakers game Sunday.

2: It's one! World-famous jilted ex **Taylor Swift** took the stage Sunday at Omaha's CenturyLink Center to rehearse for her RED tour, which kicks off March 13.

3: The Science Museum in London welcomed **Will.i.am** to announce its new STEM workshops for teens yesterday.

4: Steven Tyler bent over backward for his fans at the 10th annual Stuart House benefit in L.A. on Sunday.

6: Selena Gomez, Harmony Korine, Ashley Benson and **James Franco** got cozy at the SXSW "Spring Breakers" after-party in Austin on Sunday.

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5 Co-stars Lana Elizabeth Green, left, and Chloe Sevigny looked adorable at "The Wait" after-party at SXSW in Austin on Sunday.

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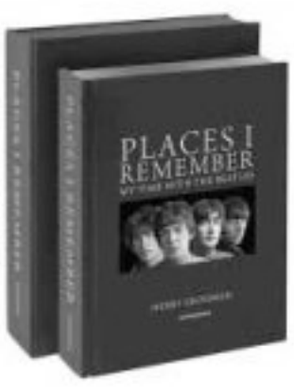
Capturing the Beatles

‘Places I Remember: My Time With the Beatles’ showcases more than 1,000 of Henry Grossman’s photos from his time with the Fab Four, most them never seen before At first he didn’t think there would be interest

It was just another job for young photographer Henry Grossman when Time magazine hired him to shoot behind-the-scenes images of the Beatles’ first appearance on “The Ed Sullivan Show.” But that telecast ended up being an iconic moment in rock history, and that one-off assignment ended up spanning four years as Grossman followed the Fab Four to the Bahamas and Austria during the production of “Help!”

“I wasn’t a fan of the music particularly,” Grossman says. “I always listened to classical music, opera, concert music, that kind of stuff. But I became a fan of them. They were some of the best people I’ve ever known.”

After shooting more than 6,500 snapshots of the band between 1964 and 1968, Grossman filed his unpublished photos away and never gave much thought to them again. “I was busy,” he says. “I was going to the White House, photographing Broadway shows, political personalities, poets, writers. I put the photos away in an archive; I thought I had exhausted everything that could be done with them.”



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“I wasn’t a fan of the music particularly. ... But I became a fan of them. They were some of the best people I’ve ever known.”

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Publishers Brian Kehew and Kevin Ryan thought differently. After discovering Grossman’s horde, they worked with him to assemble “Places I Remember: My Time With the Beatles,” a collection of more than 1,000 of Grossman’s photographs, almost all of them never seen before.

Besides his photography career, Grossman worked as an actor and Wagnerian tenor, performing on Broadway and at the Metropolitan Opera.

But he says he still looks back fondly on his years with John, Paul, George and Ringo.

“Looking at the photos in this book is like revisiting old friends,” he says. “I thought they were charming, witty, intelligent. As I got to know them, I realized how unique each one of them was individually, and also how unique they were as a group. They were terrific fun.”

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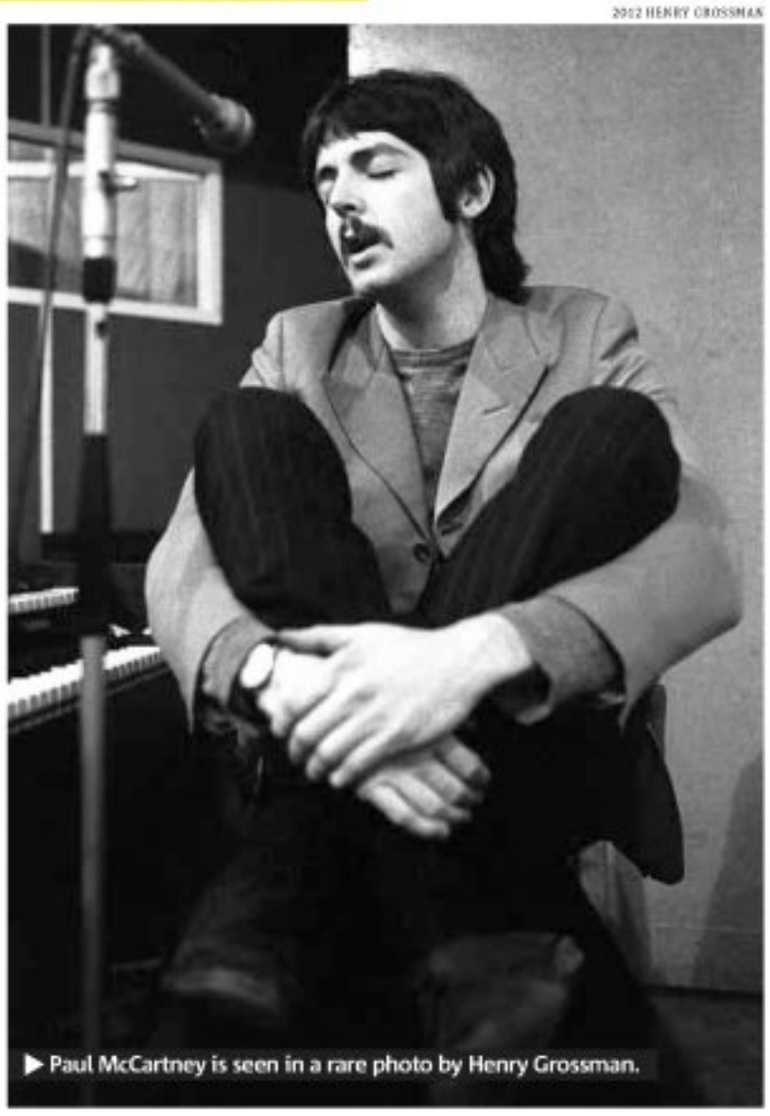

▶ Paul McCartney is seen in a rare photo by Henry Grossman.

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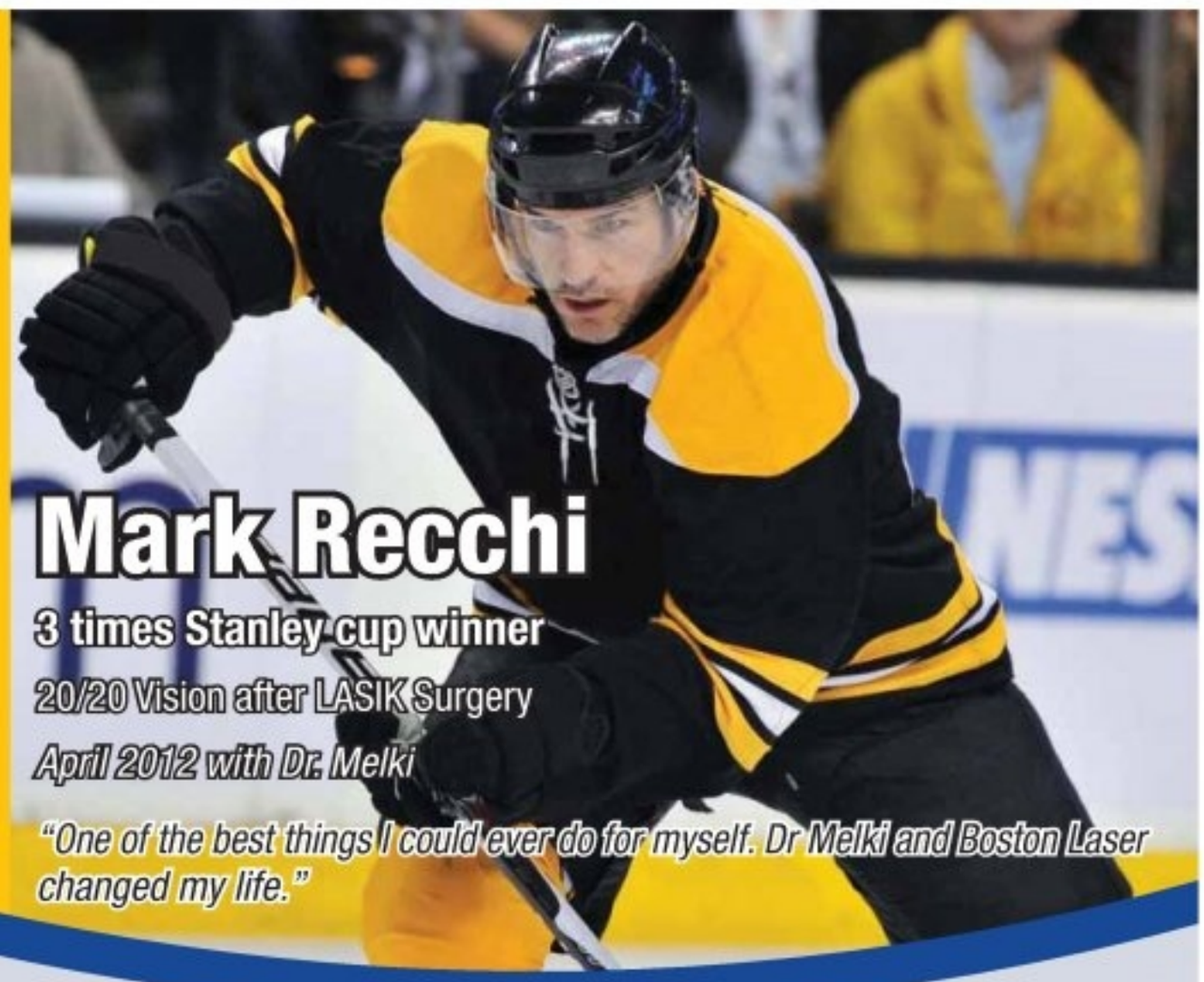

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Why we're foaming at the mouth for South by Southwest

As SXSW kicks off today, Metro travels to Texas to check out the music you'll listen to for the rest of 2013 Here are the best bets among the obscure and the legends who will surely deliver

SXSW

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Every year, thousands of musicians, record labels, fans and publicists from all ends of the Earth make their way to Austin, Texas for the five-day sonic soiree and sensory overload known as South by Southwest, which for the rest of the week you'll see referred to as SXSW.

For the uninitiated SXSW is, in theory, where bands go to make it, labels go to show off their talent, and the rest of the industry goes to latch onto untouched potential. As for me, I'm there to take it all in, write it all down and tell you all about it. While there's no possible way to see every act, here are a few I'm looking forward to.

Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds

Ten years ago, Nick Cave may have seemed a bit out of place at SXSW. But after scoring three Westerns, including the Southern bootlegging movie "Lawless" (for which he also wrote the screenplay), he now seems to embody the ideal of the dusty American outlaw (despite being from Australia). While his recent release seems more like a solo record than a Bad Seeds endeavor, his commanding presence in live shows is as powerful as a fire-and-brimstone preacher. SXSW is the first of his 20 sold-out North American tour dates and one of the hottest tickets in town.

Regionally yours

Amongst the thousands of bands making the Texas trek, there are quite a few from Boston, including David Wax Museum, Grace Kelly, MMOSS, Mellow Bravo, Pretty & Nice, Slow Hands & Tanner Ross, Soul Clap and You Won't.

Generationals

An electro pop duo from New Orleans, Generationals combine guitar and electronics to create blissful textures and melodic hooks that overpower the inherent melancholia lingering in the backdrop. Playing seven shows in four days at SXSW, the band will preview their third and best full-length album, "Heza," due out in April.

King Tuff

While the name may suggest some Studio One dub producer, only the weed smoke links Tuff with Jamaican styles. The pride of Brattleboro, Vt., and one of Sub Pop's latest acquisitions, KT's music is more akin to the haunting acoustic psych sound of Girls, but with a grunge-y energy.

Chelsea Light Moving

The band's name may seem esoteric, but their leader is one of rock's greatest guitarists. With Sonic Youth on indefinite hiatus, Thurston Moore's latest outfit is far from the delicate stylings of his recent solo records. CLM combine Sonic Youth's atmospheric guitar sounds with artistic abrasions most similar to Moore's 1995 "Psychic Hearts" record. On CLM's self-titled debut, released last week, Moore possesses a newfound angst and seems angrier than ever.

—Follow *Nolan Gawron* on Twitter this week at @metrousmusic. Check www.metro.us for his updates on the best of SXSW.

Royalty in Texas

In the past few years, SXSW has become about established superstars staging their comebacks into the public consciousness as much as it is about undiscovered talent. Now that Justin Timberlake has been co-opting Prince's big band setup of the "Diamonds and Pearls" era, it's time for His Royal Purpleness to show JT how it's really done. Prince will reportedly stage an as-yet not totally confirmed club show with a 22-piece band during the festival.

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Skaters

NYC by way of Boston and England, Skaters will be one of the newest and busiest bands in Austin. Consisting of members of Dead Trees and Dirty Pretty Things, Skaters are one of Warner Brothers' hopes for a youthful rock 'n' roll revival. They're arriving straight from the studio after wrapping their debut LP, slated for an early summer release. There's already buzz around them, based on their free EP, and extensive European and U.S. tours are already booked for spring. Expect infectious guitar ballads that make you move, but also make you think.

Now and later

‘Golden Boy’ twists the cop procedural ‘Theo James plays a rookie destined to become police commissioner

The folks behind “Golden Boy” are hoping TV audiences are in the mood for some high-concept plotting with their cop procedurals. It’s an ambitious story, to be sure, framed by interviews from seven years in the future when Walter Clark Jr. (Theo James) has become the youngest police commissioner in New York City history. Each episode in the first season then jumps back to his first year as a homicide detective working with a gruff older partner (Chi McBride).

Executive Producer Nicholas Wootton says the flashbacks and flashforwards allow for some interesting character development.

“You see instances in the future where he is kind of devious,” he says. “We see him learning the lessons that Chi’s character teaches him. There’s a way to be. And then we see him learn things that are completely politically vicious. There’s no real element of the Clark character having any sense of, ‘I want to be the police commissioner’ [from the start]. That is something that is going to evolve hopefully in later seasons, should we be so fortunate. ... He’s by far not the nicest guy in the world when he becomes the commissioner.”

Wootton says they’ve been very careful about depicting life in the not-to-distant future, finding a balance that hopefully feels believable.

“We do age Theo,” he admits. “And as you see when we go back to the police commissioner’s office [in the future], we do complete the Freedom Tower. That’s the one element that we did do in a visual effects shot, which may or may not be completed in seven years.”

▶ Theo James stars in “Golden Boy,” which airs tonight at 10 on CBS.

Quoted

“He’s by far not the nicest guy in the world.”

WOOTTON ON THE MAIN CHARACTER OF “GOLDEN BOY”

Hey, you look familiar

Avid TV fans may recognize “Golden Boy” star Theo James from an early and pivotal episode of “Downton Abbey” in which he played the dashing and doomed Turkish diplomat Kemal Pamuk, who famously died while in bed with Lady Mary (Michelle Dockery). The brief role has given James a level of notoriety he didn’t quite see coming.

“When I did the show, I kind of felt like it was going to be a big deal. It felt like it was a quality production,” James remembers. “But, I mean, I’m onscreen for about 20 minutes, and I still get people going, ‘Mr. Pamuk!’”

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Style news

Drybar launches hair care line

It’s the natural evolution of a brilliant business idea: a spin-off line. For Drybar — the revolutionary chain that pioneered the blow-dry bar phenomenon — this means rolling out with your first-ever line of styling products and hair tools. The goods — all featuring names that play on the “bar” theme, like Happy Hour Conditioner and Full and Half Pint round brushes — range in price from $20 for dry shampoo to $185 for a blow-dryer. And like the cheery chain, all the packaging features Buttercup, the brand’s adorable upside down blow-dryer logo. Now just try to convince yourself to blow out your own hair at home.

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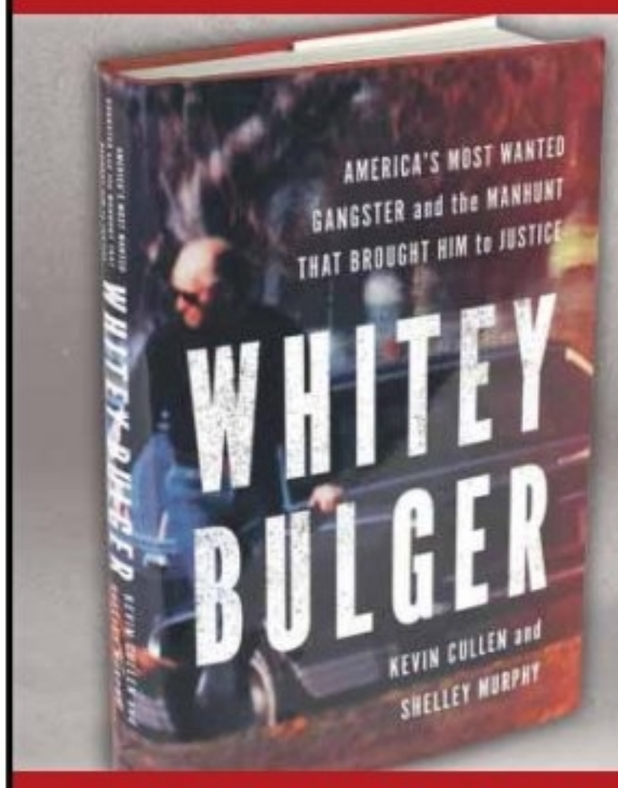
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▶ Kids might not understand the implications of what they post online.

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How to keep your kids safe online

Internet safety and digital parenting expert Hilary DeCesare answers our questions about the changes to the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act and what you need to do to make sure your little ones are safe while navigating the Internet.

Can you tell us a little bit more about COPPA?
The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act was enacted to protect children under 13 online, and the parents of children under 13 committed to keeping their kids safe online.

Last year the FTC amended it. What are the new rules?
They needed to keep up with evolving technology and changes in the way children use and access the Internet. This includes the ever-increasing use of mobile devices and social networking sites. The amendments, which go into effect July 1, will require operators of websites or online services that are either directed to children under 13 or have actual knowledge that they are collecting personal information from children under 13 to notify parents and get their verifiable consent before they can collect, use or disclose a child's personal information. They will also be required to keep the information they collect from children secure. This information includes geo-locations, photos, videos and audio files that contain a child's image or voice.

Last month, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano spoke to the importance of teaching "good cyber hygiene" to today's youth. What does good cyber hygiene mean?
It's also called cyber etiquette, or digital etiquette, and it means acting appropriately online. At young ages, children have no idea what "forever" means and therefore don't understand the implications of what they post online. Unfortunately, if they happen to post this content on non-COPPA sites, the content is out there forever. Some examples of this are posting inappropriate pictures or other media, and posting personal information including full names, addresses, phone numbers, schools, etc. Posting the latter can even result in cyber-stalking, or predators gaining information about the child. Learning good cyber hygiene helps kids understand what is and isn't appropriate, and trains them to be responsible digital citizens.

Q&A

What is the appropriate age for children to begin going online?

Every child is different. While some are happy to wait to go online until they are 13, many children wish to get on the Web at an earlier age. In fact, among very young children (up to 5 years old) who use the Internet, about 80 percent do so at least once a week. If children decide to go online at a young age, it is important they respect platform age minimums; for example, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter ask that you be 13 or older to use their sites, as they are not COPPA-compliant. If children are online in an appropriate space, it is good for them to learn how to be a responsible digital citizen.

▶ DeCesare is CEO of Everloop, a leading safe social networking site for kids.

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When we fail, we don't get a second chance

RE: "RYAN SAYS BUDGET DEAL POSSIBLE AS HE READIES HIS OWN PROPOSAL" (METRO MARCH 11) Someday, I want to work a job that shows absolutely no results, and still have Paul Ryan's intestinal fortitude to call 99 percent of Americans not hardworking. The fact is, dating back to plantation owners, we have never valued work in this country, and to equate wealth and hard work is just perpetuating a false ideal. Congress seems content with their failure on the sequester, but that sort of practice does not stand up in the working-class world. When we fail, we don't get a second chance. **PAUL HOWELLS, VIA E-MAIL**

A terrible experience on a Fung Wah bus

RE: "STATE SEEKS TO SHUT DOWN FUNG WAH BUSES" (METRO FEB. 25) I am resending this in the hopes of getting published, so people know the importance of why they got shut down. I wanted to express my great happiness after hearing the Fung Wah bus service has been shut down. A few years back, I had a terrible experience with them from Washington, D.C., to NYC. The driver was going full speed the whole time in the pouring rain and was weaving in and out of the lines. I thought it was going to crash. This was the first time I wished I had a cell phone with me to call loved ones, as I was shaken with fear. Justice has been done! **CRYSTAL GERARD, VIA E-MAIL**

Taking pride in the process

RE: "TOM FOREMAN COLUMN, JUST DRONING ON" (METRO MARCH 8) I felt great pride hearing Sen. Pat Toomey stand tall with Sen. Rand Paul in his filibuster to get President Obama to answer the simple question: Is it constitutional to kill American citizens on U.S. soil when they posses no clear or imminent danger, without a trial? We would not expect Sen. Robert Casey to care about the president's answer. Casey seems to be an android incapable of not walking in lockstep with Obama. God bless Sen. Toomey for not backing down on defining the constitutional powers of the president. Sadly, most of your Democrat members of Congress don't give a damn about the document they took an solemn oath to support and defend! **JOSEPH DUPONT, VIA E-MAIL**

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Horoscope

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** The probability of it being a profitable day appears to be exceptionally good. However, look for gains to come about in a most peculiar manner.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** You're likely to derive greater benefits from what you do on the spur of the moment than from something more calculated. Be flexible and alert.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Although you are quite intuitive, you should also be able to accurately size up situations using your fine deductive skills. It pays to use your faculties.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Your companions will have an enormous effect on your outlook, which is normal but not always productive. However, today you'll be pleased by the way they stimulate your thought processes.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Achievement is within the realm of possibility, as long as you're both swift and consistent. However, if you hesitate on something, you won't likely get a second chance.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Some unusual information that comes your way might not fit in your present plans, but you may be able to use it on some future venture. Put it in your pocket.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Something commercially beneficial could unexpectedly develop through someone who is more of a friend than a business associate. Be sure to check it out.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Do not discount your mate's flash of inspiration today just because his/her reasoning isn't along traditional lines. It's the concept that counts, and it could be ingenious.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Be sure to put your thinking cap on when at work, because certain ideas of yours could go a way toward gaining points with the powers that be.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** There's a good chance that you'll run into an old friend whom you haven't seen in a very long time. The meeting could be a harbinger of something more interesting and exciting to come.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Even if you don't get off to a dazzling start, the day's end could be quite dramatic, desirable and exciting. It's important to remember that it's the bottom line that counts.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Your comments are likely to have greater impact on your associates than you might realize. You're likely to say all the right things, which will strengthen relationships.

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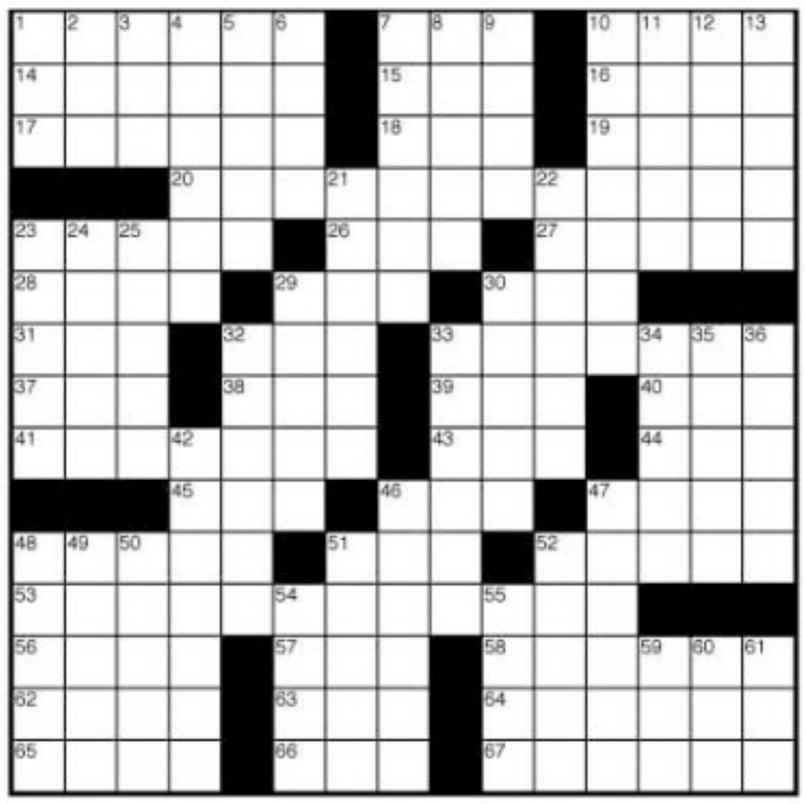

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▶ Tobias Burger of Big Stuff Smoked BBQ shows us his brisket.

▶ Lebensmittel in Mitte offers old-world Gemutlichkeit in an upscale neighborhood.

Das foodie: Berlin's culinary renaissance

▶ Raucherlachs (smoked salmon) at Glut & Spane is served on spelt with a schmear.

▶ Sweet and savory strudel is sold at the Mauerpark Fleamarket.

Smoked meats, sweet pastries, 'liver cheese' and rustic stews are some of the old-world favorites to try

In a city where communism became kitsch and bunkers are converted to galleries, it's fitting that Berliner cuisine would be full of throwbacks to old-world food craft. The epicenter may be **Markthalle IX** (Eisenbahnstraße 42-43), a large indoor market in the street art mecca of Kreuzberg. Built in 1891, the structure was taken over by commercial supermarkets after the fall of the Berlin Wall. But in 2011, enterprising foodies restored the space to its original purpose, welcoming back butchers, bakers, cheesemakers and vendors like **Big Stuff Smoked BBQ**.

Big Stuff co-owner Tobias Burger smokes his meat in the tradition of Czech and German immigrants who brought the techniques to America. The buns on which he piles slices of dry-rubbed brisket are crafted from a 19th-century Scottish recipe. You'll want a chunk of his 14-hour smoked pork belly on one of these, served "pure," with just a sprinkle of crunchy salt.

Around the corner is **Glut & Spane**, named for the smoldering beechwood shavings over which Michael Wickert smokes his sustainably chosen fish, like salmon fillets and gravlax, which he serves draped over spelt bread with horseradish cream.

Where better to worship the past than a flea market? On Sundays, Berliners head to the **Mauerpark** (Bernauer Straße 63-64) to pick through Bavarian china and '80s-era Doc Martens. Refreshments are vintage, too: In the beer garden, 20-somethings slice strudel next to Turkish grandmothers rolling dough for kebab wraps.

There's also a stand with bacon-laced vegetable stews and, in a nod to their neighbors, Turkish lentil soup. "WIR BENEUTZEN KEINE KUNSTLICH EN ZUZATZE" declares a sign, written in ransom-note font. Translation: "We use no artificial additives." Homemade is the new punk.

▶ Leberkase

A quick bite

Berlin's Museum Island is bordered on the east by Mitte, a small, chic neighborhood studded with high-end boutiques. After visiting the Pergamon, stroll over to Lebensmittel in Mitte (Rochstraße 2), a small cafe/market serving tightly curated "lebensmittel," or everyday provisions.

A standout (and a steal at under $4) is the homemade leberkase, a traditional Bavarian dish that's hard to describe without invoking its literal translation, "liver cheese" (it contains neither). Probably named for its texture, it's a ground mixture of pork and beef shaped into a loaf, baked and served in slices on a crusty roll. You'll never see people in Prada eat meatloaf with such abandon.

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Parker was Jack of all trades

Legendary BU hockey coach Jack Parker calls it quits, but still has chance to end career on another high note ● Parker captured three national titles and a whopping 21 Beanpot titles

Opinion

More than perhaps any other active coach in men's college hockey, when you think of one institution, in this case Boston University, a singular name immediately comes to mind: Jack Parker.

Parker has been the Terriers' head coach for 40 incredible seasons, transforming a niche sport at a regional school into one of the top collegiate sports programs in the country year-in and year-out. Parker announced his retirement yesterday on his 68th birthday. We all knew this day was coming soon, but it will be weird next season and in the near future to see someone else behind BU's bench barking orders.

Parker grew up in Somerville and went to Catholic Memorial before he played hockey at BU. He's known for many things — his ugly sport coats, thick glasses and gruff personality — but Parker is anything but a fraud. Being a local guy, he understands the cynical media and has never tried to be anyone but himself. This may rub some people (namely fans of other teams and coaches) the wrong way. He's not the best guy to deal with after a tough loss or during a bad stretch — but with a résumé like his, you have to trust the process.

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▶ Jack Parker, center, celebrates winning the 2009 NCAA National Championship with this team.

The Terriers have won three national titles under Parker (1978, 1995 and 2009), four ECAC titles (before BU was in Hockey East) and then seven Hockey East crowns. His overall record is 894-471-115 heading into the Hockey East playoffs this week as BU (18-15-2 overall, 15-10-2 in Hockey East) hosts Merrimack on Friday (7:30 p.m.) at Agganis Arena in a best-of-three quarterfinal series. Parker has the most wins at one school in NCAA history, he's second in wins all-time and has the fifth-best winning percentage.

When you talk about Parker, you have to mention Boston College head coach Jerry York as well. They are friends, but they have been intense rivals for just as long. York set the NCAA career-wins record earlier this season, so in a sense he'll always be ahead of Parker. Similar to Parker, York put his school on the map. They are arguably the two best college hockey coaches in history, so we've been extremely lucky to have them stick around these parts for this long at their alma maters. The Beanpot still has so much meaning, in large part because of those two guys, and they have ensured college hockey will be popular in New England for years to come.

The list of Olympic players and guys that have moved on to the NHL that played for Parker at BU is staggering: John Cullen, Keith Tkachuk, David Sacco, Tony Amonte, Chris Drury, Mike Eruzione, Rick Meagher and Shawn McEachern. Parker has always been able to recruit some of the best players in college hockey, but it takes a certain skill to motivate and get the most out of all of them together on one team.

It would only be fitting to see the Terriers make a run in the Hockey East playoffs and qualify for the NCAA tournament. It's the least they can do for their legendary head coach who is leaving the bench on Commonwealth Avenue any day now.

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Parker's legacy

What Jack Parker had to say yesterday during his retirement press conference:

- "I always talked about BU being a family. I wanted to have the team know we'll go through this together and this would be my last experience."
- "I've been a coach here for 44 years — and a player. So for 48 out of the last 49 years, I've been reporting for duty for BU hockey. That's enough. It's a tough job. It takes a lot out of you."
- "I've had a wonderful ride here. I'd like to thank everybody involved with my career here. It won't hit me because we have games to play and practice tomorrow. It probably won't hit me until next October."
- "It was a trying time," Parker said of last season, in which a task force found that his hockey program had a "culture of sexual entitlement" at BU. Parker also said, for the first time, that he had planned to retire after last year but felt it wouldn't be right to retire under the circumstances.

Metro's NBA power rankings | by Jimmy Toscano

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1 HEAT (47-14)
The Heat have won their last 18 games; in other words, five more games than the Bobcats this year.

2 THUNDER (43-16)
Going into last night's game in San Antonio, the Thunder had a nice little five-game winning streak going. Nope, it's not 18 games, but Kevin Durant and Co. look plenty ready for a deep playoff run.

3 CLIPPERS (45-20)
If you haven't seen DeAndre Jordan's dunk over Brandon Knight from Sunday night, find it immediately. If you have seen it, find it again. Also, someone should check on Knight.

4 GRIZZLIES (42-19)
The Grizzlies are facing a tough four-game road trip ahead with the Blazers, Clippers, Nuggets and Jazz. This Memphis team has quietly been hot lately, having won 12 of its last 13 games.

5 SPURS (48-15)
According to Elias, the Spurs suffered their worst home loss since the 1997 season on Friday, losing to Portland, 136-106. What's that all about? The Spurs won't be able to convince any critics until late April.

6 NUGGETS (42-22)
Denver is winners of eight in a row, including a 15-point win over the much-heralded Clippers last week. Circle Friday night's game on your NBA calendar: Memphis at Denver. Playoff preview?

7 PACERS (39-24)
They've only dropped one spot despite having one of their worst weeks of the year. There was the absolute choke job against the Celtics at home and then they were torched by the Heat in Miami.

In the news

The word on Wes

SI.com's Peter King says it's "widely believed" that slot receiver Wes Welker will re-sign with the Patriots, citing that the market is already dried up for a player at his position. The Patriots' Julian Edelman and the Rams' Danny Amendola are also available to NFL teams today as free agency begins at 4 p.m.

Patriots owner Robert Kraft told ESPN's Darren Rovell yesterday: "I love Wes Welker. I hope he remains a Patriot for life. Just like Tom Brady."

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Boston likely down to just one dance participant with NU loss

Barring Boston College miracle at ACC tournament, Harvard will be Hub's lone representative in Big Dance Slow start does in Northeastern

On an annual basis, there are one or two teams that shock the nation in the NCAA men's basketball tournament and as of yesterday afternoon, there was a legit chance that a pair of Cinderellas would be representing Boston in next week's Big Dance.

Unfortunately for Hub hoops fans, Northeastern was unable to hang with James Madison last night in the Colonial Athletic Association title game, falling 70-57, and leaving the city with Harvard as, likely, its lone rep.

The Dukes raced out to a 13-5 lead over NU and built a 20-point (26-6) lead just 13 minutes into the game. The Huskies had been down 24 points on Sunday to George Mason, but clawed back to grab a stunner of a win. Though NU cut JMU's lead to just eight with under 10 minutes to go, there was no miracle comeback this time.

Harvard, meanwhile, punched its ticket to the tournament Sunday by beating Cornell, 65-56, and capturing the Ivy League title.

The Crimson were a 14-seed on ESPN.com's "Bracketology" page yesterday and could face a powerhouse like a Michigan State, Michigan or Florida right off the bat in the NCAAs. Selection Sunday is March 17 when the Crimson will learn their seed and who and where they'll be playing.

Boston College is the eight-seed and is matched up against Georgia Tech in Thursday's first round (noon) of the ACC Tournament in Greensboro, N.C.. If the Eagles can thwart the Yellow Jackets they would meet the No. 1 seeded Miami Hurricanes on Friday.

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▶ Coach Tommy Amaker and the Crimson are in the NCAA tournament for the third straight year.

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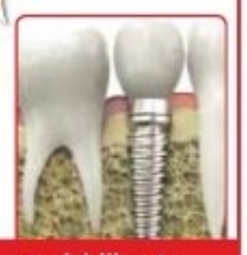

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